

The arguments of individuals along with good amateur practice should NOT be settled by the FCC adopting a bandwidth rule. It will certainly kill the LAST real frontier of amateur radio – experimentation with vintage SSB and AM equipment which so many of the amateur community own and operate. This act would end the enjoyment and operation of many gorgeous pieces of American art forms such as the Collins KWS-1, Hallicrafters HT 37, Central Electronics 20A, etc. These factory stock, FCC approved, 2.9 to 3.1 kc wide transmitters will be dimmed and silenced forever, only to be placed on museum shelves. This can NOT happen. It is exactly what brought this great service to the point it enjoys today - building a station, experimenting and operating. BW limitations will kill all of this.

Bandwidth limitations will not be the end of audio experimenting as the petitioners would hope. Audio experiments have been with us for decades whether it is 'tailored' responses to cut through the noise or beautiful full range communications audio – BW limitations will not stop this. It is important that we all operate type accepted transmitters without filter modifications or overdriven front ends. "Wideband" splatter signals can be generated with a 2.4 kc wide transmitter OVERDRIVING a poorly designed R.F. amplifier so once again, BW limitations is NOT the answer. The F.C.C. must serpent technology from individuals.

The problem is clear. It is the ability to work together and be considerate of the radio spectrum we have been given. It is a moral issue. We must not forget that an amateur radio license is a privilege. Respect of that license and respect of those who operate a few kcs. Above or below us. The purpose of amateur radio is to communicate, educate, enjoy and service the community.

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